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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Fwe only

Part B for June 1944

SUBJECT

Evacuation of Bellur village near the U.S. Army Airfield at Hindustan Aircraft.

Jnr krishnan
13.7.44.

From The R Cr C R.

D O No Cho 491/43 H 40 3rd April 44 forwarding a copy of Hd Qrs letter about the evacuation of Baller village and stating that the Hd Qrs will be addressing this Govt thro the Resy in the usual course.

Action for perusal. The reference from the Resy and the further report of the RC will be awaited.

1055 — 4 JUN 1944 — GOVT OF MYSORE

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On a reference from the Resy, the RC has been consulted U.O. dy. On receipt of the file, this may be placed along with the connected papers.

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2 From The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident No. DF. 101/44/ Pol dated 6th April 44 forwarding copy of HQ letter with a copy to the one requesting that for the evacuation of the village one declared to be infected area

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There was a report from the RC Kolar that he is consulting a DC with a view to award a compensation payable the case was submitted by a Chief Secy as a first the further report to be received from the RC before for order whether the RC may be consulted upon whether a claim may be lodged and also to intimate the approximate amount of compensation payable

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Yes { The D.C. may be consulted urgently

Urgent DO 10/4/44

D.O.No. 175 dated 10th April 1944.

for favour of remarks urgently

Secretary to Govt

& Chief Secretary

To The Secretary to Govt in Revenue Department

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WCS CHIEF SECRETARY 15 APR. 1944 BANGALORE

No: C.L.O. 491/43-44.

Returned with compliments.

2. The report of the Deputy Commissioner is awaited. In the meantime, the Civil Officer, Bangalore has inspected the village and has submitted a report to the Deputy Commissioner. I place below, a copy of his report.

3. This morning, I visited the village with the local Revenue Officers and examined the position on the spot. The village consists of 64 houses with a population of 360. 40 are tiled houses, 21 houses have mud roofs and three are thatched sheds. The total area of the village is 415 acres and 9 guntas. Out of this, an extent of 320 acres and 18 guntas has already been acquired for the Hindustan Aircraft Factory. Out of the balance of 94 acres and 31 guntas, 45 acres and 20 guntas are government kharab and the balance consists of 31 acres and 15 guntas of dry lands and 7 acres and 27 guntas of garden in private holding. As the entire village is to be evacuated, these lands also will have to be taken over and paid for. I give, below, an estimate of the compensation that may have to be paid.--

i.	Cost of acquisition of houses. .	Rs 65,000/-
ii.	Compensation for dry lands at Rs 400/- per acre. ..	12,550/-
iii.	Compensation for garden lands at Rs 1,000/- per acre. ..	7,675/-
	Total..	Rs 85,225/-

4. Before the village can be evacuated, we will have to find another place at which the people could be settled. The Local Officers propose that sites for houses for these people may be laid out in the gomal of Dodnekkundi village closeby. I have asked the local Officers to examine this question and submit proposals without delay.

5. If Government approve of these proposals, I shall take further action in the matter.

M Venkatadri
Revenue Commissioner
&
Civil Representative.

14th April 1944.

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Evacuation of Buller village Nasik
G.S. Army Airfield at Hindaun Airdrome.

The Resy was the first to order the evacuation of
the village for the reason stated by the Headqrs
who declared the area in which the public buildings
were. They also want to know the approximate
amount of compensation payable. The Rly's
estimate of the compensation amount payable
is Rs 85225/- The Civil officer Bldr
has included the following 2 items also in addition
to the above

6442 (1) Cost of Constructing 3 New temples B 3000/-
and Shifting the present idols to the New ones

(2) Acquiring of land for New site for the Rs 10000/
present village with proper

Before the Govt can order what proposals
of the RC may be approved and what not
to the Resy that this Govt has no objection to
the evacuation of the village as well as the Compensation
payable they come about to a total of Rupees.

The Residency may be
informed of the probable amount
of Compensation & the Govt
also asked to take action
accordingly

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I think the Army authorities would be
also prepared to render assistance for the
rapid evacuation of the village & reconstruction
of houses etc on the site newly selected.

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& Dewan)

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Evacuation of Bellas village
Near U.S. Army Airfield at Hinaidu Aircraft.

Sub. with a draft reply to a Resy via Mem
to a R.L.C.R. for Commissioner's signature

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to Resy stating that Govt is
no objection to evacuation
of Bellas & inviting the
approximate amount of
compensation.
Memo vide W 24/91 to R.C for
necessary action.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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Evacuation of Bellus village Near
US Army Airfields at Hindoria Aircraft

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4. From The R.C.I.C.

Chs 491/40-44 d 22nd Jun. 44 forwg a cy of Head Qrs letter to a Reg in which the military authorities have decided to drop the matter re Evacuating Bellus village for a time being

The R.C.I.C. mentions this fact in his weekly report which is already been perused by the Edn Min & Dewan. The Communication from the Reg will be awaited as a papers recorded. Subs for perusal.

(Minister for Education / Dewan)

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5 From The Asst to the Hon'ble the Resident in BF-701-44/1 d 27th Jun. 44 stating that the military authorities have decided not to proceed with the proposal for the time being Subs for perusal. The papers will now be recorded.

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D. O. No. C.L.O. 491/43-44.

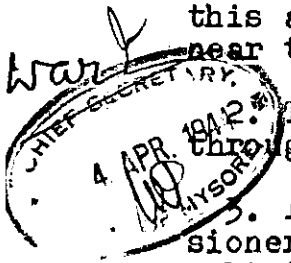
NEW PUBLIC OFFICES,

Rajasevaprasakta
Mr. M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
Revenue Commissioner &
Civil Representative.

Dated Bangalore,...3rd..April.. 194 4.

Dear Mr. Vedavyasacharya,

I am sending herewith a copy of the letter from the Head Quarters, 84th Air Depot, which was handed over to me by the Head Quarters, 160 L of C Sub Area this afternoon, about the evacuation of Bellur village near the U.S. Army Airfield at Hindustan Aircraft, Ltd.



The Head Quarters will be addressing Government through the Residency in the usual course.

2. In the meantime, I am asking the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore to investigate into the matter and to obtain an estimate of the compensation to be paid.

Yours sincerely,

M Seshadri

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government, BANGALORE.

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HEADQUARTERS
84TH AIR DEPOT
Office of the Commanding Officer.

A.P.O. 4 9 1,
30 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Bellur Village.

To: Brigadier Commanding, 160 L of C, Sub Area.

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1. It is requested that an Evacuation Order be issued for the purpose of evacuting Bellur village. This village is situated adjacent to the U.S. Army Airfield at Hindustan Aircraft, Ltd., and defeats all security steps that have been or may be taken.

2. Security is of prime importance at this Airfield because of the large number of military aircraft located thereon, valuable machinery on Airfield and in Hindustan Factory, valuable and critical spare parts and quipment located on the Airfield and because movement of combat aircraft and secret changes and modifications that are often made theron.

3. As the village is situated, persons entering or leaving same, are required to cross one of the runweys of the airfield. No check can be made on the people who enter or leave the village and it would be quite easy for individual or a group of Saboteurs or spies to operate therefrom and cause great damage to military property or obtain valuable information desired by the enemy.

4. A blueprint showing the area and the village involved is attached hereto for information.

GEORGE E. FELTON,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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For Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Representative.

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No. DF. 101-44/Pol. 2428 | SECRET. IMMEDIATE.

From - The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.
To - The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 6th April 1944.

Evacuation of Bellur village.

Sir,

I am directed to forward copy of a letter from H.Q. 84th Air Depot to H.Q. 160 L of C Sub Area, dated the 30th March 1944, with a copy of the plan referred to in it.

2. The military authorities consider that from a security point of view, the immediate evacuation of Bellur village is essential in view of the increasing numbers of new aircraft located at the U.S. Army Airfield. Access to the village is now gained by crossing the North to South runway at its southern end and this enables villagers to gain access to the airfield which is highly undesirable. The expansion of the Hindustan Aircraft Factory also warrants this addition land being taken over. The Sub Area Commander has inspected the village and is satisfied that it should be evacuated at once and the area indicated in blue pencil on the plan as a "prohibited area". Compensation will be paid by H.Q. 84th Air Depot.

3. In the circumstances, the Hon'ble the Resident will be grateful if the Government of Mysore will kindly order the evacuation of the village and declare the area indicated as a "prohibited area".

4. The approximate amount of compensation payable may kindly be intimated to this Residency at a very early date.

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I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT.

HEADQUARTERS
84TH AIR DEPOT
Office of the Commanding Officer

A.P.O. 4 9 1
30 March 1944

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Bellumkar Village.

TO : Brigadier Commanding, 160 L of C, Sub-Area.

1. It is requested that an Evacuation Order be issued for the purpose of evacuating Bellumkar Village. This village is situated adjacent to the U. S. Army Airfield at Hindustan Aircraft, Ltd., and defeats all security steps that have been or may be taken.

2. Security is of prime importance at this Airfield because of the large number of military aircraft located thereon, valuable machinery on the airfied and in Hindustan Factory, valuable and critical spare parts and equipment located on the Airfield and because of movement of combat aircraft and secret changes and modifications that are often made thereon.

3. As the village is situated, persons entering or leaving same, are required to cross one of the runways of the airfield. No check can be made on the people who enter or leave the village and it would be quite easy for individual or a group of Saboteurs or spies to operate therefrom, and cause great damage to military property or obtain valuable information desired by the enemy.

4. A blueprint showing the area and the village involved is attached hereto for information.

GEORGE E. FELTON,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

Mr. C.N.Narayana Rao, B.A.,
S.D.O & Civil Officer.

SECRET.

Office of the Sub Division Officer
and Civil Officer,
Dated, Bangalore, the 10th April 1944.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your Memo No.Mily.C.P.R.557/43-44 dated 7-4-44 regarding the proposed evacuation of Bellur village near Hindustan Air Craft Factory in Bangalore South Taluk, I write to state that I inspected the village this morning with the Amildar, South Taluk and studied the situation obtaining in the village. The rough sketch of the location of the village is herewith enclosed, from which it will be seen that the only approach to the village at present lies through the lands of Kempapur, part of which has been acquired for Hindustan Air-Craft. After passing through the road that has been formed by the Hindustan Air-Craft authorities in the middle of the thope attached to Kempapur village, we have to take a turn to the right towards west and enter the compound put up by Hindustan Air-Craft authorities to one of the Runways of the Air-Field. There is a sentry posted at the gate of this Airfield who checks the people who enter within the compound to go to Bellur village and without crossing the Runway it is not possible to reach the village at present. The opinion expressed by the Commanding Officer of the 84th Air Depot is, that from the security point of view, it is necessary to block this passage to outsiders and to regulate the entry across the Airfield. This would also to a large extent obviate the difficulty now experienced by the villagers of Bellur that they have to go into the village by giving notice of it to the Guard Sentry at the gate.

The village had a total extent of 415 acres 9 guntas of which an extent of 320 acres 18 guntas has already been acquired for the Hindustan Aircraft leaving only a small plot of 91 acres ~~15~~ 14 guntas which comprises of 10 acres 19 guntas of village site, 45 acres 20 guntas of Kharab and waste land, 31 acres 15 guntas dry cultivable land and 7 acres 27 guntas of bagayet land. As a major portion of the village has already been taken away for the Hindustan Aircraft,

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the majority of the people have no agricultural land now to live on and are mostly poor depending on cooly and some of them are employed in the Aircraft itself. The population of the village numbers about 360 at present, comprising 95 families who are living in 64 houses, some of the houses having small tenements. Of the 64 houses, ~~xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 40 are tiled constructions, 18 have mud and stone roofing, 3 are thatched houses and 3 temples are also included in the total number of buildings. Most of the permanent residents of the village are Reddi Vokkaligars who number about 25 to 30 houses, Thigalar 5 houses, Dhobi 5 houses, Goldsmith one house, Barbers 2 houses, Adikarnataka 15 families and Mudaliar and miscellaneo~~xxxx~~-ous caste 25 families. Number of cattle maintained in the village including Sheet and Goat it 107. Some of the buildings are fairly well constructed and are substantial structures for a village.

The probable cost of acquisition including the malki now standing in the village and the cost of acquiring a new village site for the villagers to shift and providing them with the necessary facilities of drinking water well and construction of new temples etc., might I feel amount to about a Lakh of Rupees which is estimated as follows:-

1.	Cost of buildings now standing in the village at the present market rate - about	65,000/-
2.	Estimated cost of plants left with the villagers including cost of standing trees and causurina grove - about	15,000/-
3.	Cost of garden lands which are the mainstay of some of the families of the village.	7,000/-
4.	Cost of constructing 3 new temples and shifting the present idols to the new ones.	3,000/-
5.	~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Acquiring of a new site to form a separate village and the provision of wells etc.,	10,000/-

This morning during my inspection, I visited some of the houses and found that the people are really in a distressed condiion for want of agricultural land and some of them not being able to get easy labour and not having easy sources of income. A large number of the people are not in a position to shift to outside places if they are to be

to be evacuated, unless they are provided with sufficient extent of agricultural land for them to cultivate and make an honest living. It is likely that out of the 95 families about 20 to 25 families may perhaps find shelter in some villages here and there and they may think of shifting with their families, but the majority have got to be provided in the new village site and given means of settling down there with some land to cultivate and adjust themselves in a new place. On a study of the question in detail it is seen that though on the one hand it is necessary to shift the village in the larger interests of the military, it is felt not quite easy to find a convenient plot for establishing a new village without acquiring some portions of the Inam villages round about close to Varthur road like Chinnappanahalli and Kundalahalli. I would suggest acquiring a plot of 10 to 15 acres in the Inam Village of Chinnappanahalli for the formation of the village site and giving to the villagers small plots of cultivable lands by releasing gomal lands of Dodnekkundi and villages found about in that locality.

The above estimate, I may submit is to be taken as a rough figure based on casual inspection of the place. On receipt of orders for the evacuation, I will submit definite and correct figures after going into the question in greater detail and get up correct valuation and declaration statements.

The plan received with your above reference is resubmitted as desired.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- C. N. Narayana Rao.

Mohamed Ismail Sheriff, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,
B A N G A L O R E.

M e m o.

Copy submitted to the Revenue Commissioner & Civil Representative in Mysore, Bangalore for favour of kind information.

sd/- C.N. Narayana Rao.
Sub Division Officer & Civil Officer.

"Copy"

14/4 Revenue Commissioner & Civil Representative

Secret & urgent

W. 177-43-2.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore, Bangalore.

01 2228
24th April 1944

Sir,

Evacuation of Bellur village.

With reference to your letter No. DF. 101-44/ Pol., dated 6th April 1944 on the above subject, I am directed to state that this Government have no objection to the evacuation of the Bellur village and to declare the area indicated as a prohibited area and to add that the R.C. & C.R. has been requested to take necessary action urgently in the matter. The approximate amount of compensation payable is estimated as in the margin*.

st of acquisition of houses	Rs.65,000/-
mpensation for dry lands at Rs.400 r acre	12,550/-
mpensation for garden lands at 1000/- per acre	7,675/-
quisition of new site to form a parate village and the provision wells etc.	10,000/-
st of constructing 3 new temples d shifting the idols to the new ones	3,000/-

Before the village can be evacuated another site will have to be found wherein the people can be settled. This question is under active examination. I am to express the hope that the Army authorities will also co-operate with the civil authorities and render assistance for the rapid evacuation of the village and reconstruction of houses etc., on the site newly selected.

I have etc.,

21/4/1944

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Memo. No. W2491 21/4

Copy to the R.C. & C.R. with reference to h u.o. No. C.L.O. 491/43-44 dated 14th April 1944 for information and necessary action. The D.C. Bangalore, may be asked to declare the area indicated as a prohibited area as desired.

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for Ch. Secy. to Govt.

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C. F. No. 461 GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No. C.L.O. 491/43-44. OFFICE OF the Revenue Commissioner and Civil Representative in Mysore, B'lore.
Encls.

SECRET

Dated 22nd June 1944.

To

V. VEDAVYASACHARYA, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

War

Subject:- Evacuation of Bellur Village.

CHIEF SECRETARY
24 JUN 1944
GOVT OF MYSORE

Referring to the correspondence ending with your memo No. W. 2491 dated 24 April 1944 on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the letter No. 25401 G dated 21st June 1944 of the H.Q. 109 L of C Area C/o No. 11 Advance Base, addressed to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, on the subject.

The military authorities have decided to drop the matter for the present.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Revenue Commissioner
& Civil Representative.

(Enclosure typed overleaf)

BN.

Copy of letter No. 25401 G dated 21st June 1944 from the H.Q. 109 L of C Area to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject:- SECURITY H.A.F. AIR FIELD - EVACUATION BELLUR VILLAGE.

It has been decided to proceed no further in the above matter, for the time being.

SD/- BRIG.
COMD

Copy to:- 84 Air Depot.
Mr. M. Seshadri, M.A., Civil Representative.

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SECRET.

No.D.F.101-44/Pol.

From The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore
To The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Bangalore, 27th June 1944.

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Evacuation of Bellur village.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your letter No.Pol.2228/W.177-43-3, dated the 24th April 1944, and to say that the military authorities have decided not to proceed with the proposal, for the time being.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Tcn.

CHIEF SECRETARY
27 JUN 1944
GOVT. OF MYSORE.